



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 211

February Session, 2010

* ____SB00211VA_JUD030310____ *

AN ACT CONCERNING CRIMINAL CASES OF PERSONS WHO HAVE RETURNED FROM SERVICE WITH THE ARMED FORCES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2010*) (a) The Chief Court
2 Administrator may establish in any court location a docket separate
3 from other criminal matters for the hearing of criminal matters in
4 which a defendant has returned from service in time of war with the
5 armed forces, as defined in section 27-103 of the general statutes. The
6 docket shall be available to defendants who, as a result of such service,
7 could benefit from placement in a substance abuse treatment program
8 or other program that provides mental health services.

9 (b) The Chief Court Administrator shall establish, within available
10 appropriations, one or more courts for the hearing of criminal matters
11 in which a defendant has returned from service in time of war with the
12 armed forces, as defined in section 27-103 of the general statutes, who,
13 as a result of such service, could benefit from placement in a substance
14 abuse treatment program or other program that provides mental
15 health services.

16 (c) Any docket or court created pursuant to this section shall not be
17 available to a defendant charged with a felony offense that allegedly
18 resulted in the physical injury or death of another person.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	New section
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